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3. Medical Officer, Quarriers' Orphan Homes, Scotland.

General Medical Stores.

133. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician is the Superintendent of the General Medical Stores;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the powers and duties pertaining to that office have been delegated by him to his Personal Assistant; and

(*c*) the number of times, during the past eleven months the Darbar Physician has inspected the General Medical Stores?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) he has no Personal Assistant and his powers have not been delegated to any one.

(*c*) It is not possible to give the actual number of inspections. The Darbar Physician inspected the institution as often as was found necessary.

Posting of Caste-Hindu Medical Officers.

134. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule to the effect that only caste Hindu officers will be put in charge of the District Hospitals at Mavelikara, Vaikam and Trivandrum Fort?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: No.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from Government whether the Medical Officers in charge of the three hospitals are caste-Hindus?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: At present they are all caste-Hindus?

Tincture Factory attached to the General Medical Stores.

135. *MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the weight of tinctures manufactured in the Tincture Factory attached to the General Medical Stores in 1111 and 1112;

(*b*) the cost of making the same including the outlay on the factory;

(*c*) the amount saved by the Department by the production in 1111 and 1112, respectively; and

(*d*) whether they still continue manufacturing?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) 54,751 fluid pounds in 1111 and 39,892 fluid pounds in 1112;

(*b*) Outlay on factory is Rs. 10,500. The net cost of making the tinctures in 1111 was Rs. 29,088 excluding buildin and machinery.

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